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South Australia

Criminal Law Consolidation (Dishonest Communication with Children) Amendment Bill 2018

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Law Consolidation (Dishonest Communication with Children) Amendment Act 2018*.

2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*

4—Insertion of Part 5 Division 5A

Part 5—after Division 5 insert:

Division 5A—Dishonest communication with children

139A—Dishonest communication with children

- (1) A person of or over the age of 18 years who—
- (a) knowingly communicates with a child; and
 - (b) makes a false representation in such communication that—
 - (i) the person is younger than they are; or
 - (ii) the person is someone other than who they are; and
 - (c) meets or arranges to meet with the child,
- is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years.

- (2) A person of or over the age of 18 years who—
- (a) knowingly communicates with a child; and
 - (b) makes a false representation in such communication that—
 - (i) the person is younger than they are; or
 - (ii) the person is someone other than who they are,
- with intent to commit an offence against the child is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for 10 years.

- (3) In this section—
child means a person under the age of 17 years.